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## **GIPSA Alleges Hubert Dennis Edwards Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, April 1, 2015 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Hubert Dennis Edwards (Edwards), Marana, Ariz.:

- engaged in the business of a dealer without being registered with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and without maintaining an adequate bond or its equivalent as required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and Regulations; and
- purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock purchased.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Edwards on January 15, 2015. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA website: [www.gipsa.usda.gov/psp/enforcement.aspx](http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/psp/enforcement.aspx). If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Edwards may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and/or assessed a civil penalty.

Edwards engaged in the business of a dealer buying or selling livestock in commerce and is not registered with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.